



USDA TURKEY MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0575

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2005
VOL. 52 NO. 18

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

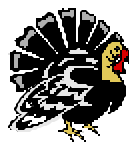
Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to barely steady. No sales was reported for prompt shipments. Demand was light. Offerings were limited. Bulk parts and bulk meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was mixed. Offerings were in a full range, short to ample.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand was moderate. Offerings were light to moderate. Interest was noted from Russia and Mexico.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 10, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 11, 2005**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	640	MAY-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF FEB 11, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.80 **	66.70 **	61.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	65.20 **	65.90 **	61.00 **
WESTERN REGION	66.00 **	66.70 **	62.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	62.90 **	63.00 **	58.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	62.00 **	62.40 **	58.00 **
WESTERN REGION	63.00 **	63.40 **	59.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS- WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS,
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 24-JAN-2005

	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE		
8-16 lbs.	79.27	220,000
16-24 lbs.	77.77	52,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED		
8-16 lbs.	—	40,000
16-24 lbs.	—	20,000
Total Volume:		332,000

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 15-JAN-05 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	AVG	LIVE WT
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD	-LIVE WT	
North East	858	5	22.61	(A)	859	22.61
South Atlantic	534	-6	38.78	(A)	535	38.78
North Central	1,990	1	34.53	(A)	1,991	34.53
South Central	522	-7	21.52	(A)	523	21.52
West	296	6	25.15	(A)	297	25.15
U.S. total	4,200 (B)	0	30.36	5	4,205	30.36
To-date						
2005	8,401 (B)			18	8,419	
To-date						
2004	8,469 (B)			11	8,480	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 79,000; for last year to date 114,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

December	403,885*
January 1-15, 2005	205,892*
To date 2005	205,892*
To date 2004	196,146*

* PRELIMINARY

<u>LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED</u>		W/E 15-JAN-05			
		YOUNG	YOUNG OLD	TOTAL	
		HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Avg Wt	16.43	39.59	25.35	34.37	30.36
Last week	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Same wk yr ago	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
Avg Wt	15.90	37.57	26.69	30.35	28.82
To-date/2005	3,268	5,054	79	18	8,419
To-date/2004	3,389	4,966	114	11	8,480

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Branch Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)965-4661	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Los Angeles, CA	Voice	(213)534-1330	Jim Derby
	Fax	(213)534-1333	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS **AS OF 20 JANUARY 2005.**

~~The undertone on fresh and frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenders was barely steady to weak. Fresh destrapped tenders and whole tenders remain steady. Offerings were adequate. Demand was seasonally light. Export trading was slow. Inquiry was mixed. Buyers and sellers taking a wait and see attitude towards the market.~~

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	38.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	53.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	55.00-57.00		56.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	97.00		97.00	20
NECKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	23.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	171.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	175.00	10
THIGH MEAT		F	84.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	91.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	140.20	200
SCAPULA MEAT		W	119.00	20
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	164.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	178.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	89.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	18.20	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	15
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00		23.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00		87.00	10

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 FEBRUARY 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances weak, however, seller resistance was starting to be noted on the lower trending fresh prices. Demand very light to light for domestic and export. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome due in part to better than anticipated growing conditions in some parts of the country. The destrapped tenderloin market was steady to barely steady due in part from pressure from the breast meat market. Demand light for the adequate to ample offerings. The market tone on breast trim was steady to fully steady. Demand light to moderate with offerings light to short of buyers' needs. The market tone on the balance of white meat was steady to barely steady for the very light to light buyer interest. Offerings available. Trading moderate on dark meat into export channels and on bone-in and boneless-skinless white meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 132, livers 21 (pet foods), fresh scapula 122 cents delivered. For: export: tom necks 21, fresh thigh meat 92 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	97.00	1/	97.00	253	97.00	1053
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	93.00	40	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00-39.00		37.59	97	38.23	177
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	37.00	160	37.22	180
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	38.00	9	38.00	69
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00		42.00	40	39.97	344
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.00-55.00		54.33	60	53.92	260
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	93.00		93.00	30	93.71	163
NECKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.97	92	22.05	100
NECKS, HEN		R	23.00	12	23.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	155.53	760		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	152.00-155.00		153.79	165	155.52	305
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00		90.00	80	90.42	101
BREAST TRIM MEAT	138.00-145.00		141.50	80	141.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00		118.00	20	119.33	60
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	155.00	80	155.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	90.00-91.00		90.62	65	90.00	85
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	175.00-176.00		175.67	60	176.90	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		R	18.44	154	18.44	154
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	40	37.55	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	23.00		23.00	40	22.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.25-19.00		18.77	344	18.88	568
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	85.00-95.50		88.25	184	90.85	564

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.